

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Clarence Simonsen joined the Menno Fire Department in February 1940; and,

Whereas, Clarence is 89 years old and still an active member of the Menno Fire Department; and,

Whereas, Night or day, Clarence is usually among the first firemen to arrive at the station when the page is received; and,

Whereas, Clarence is also the first to arrive at the station on monthly meeting nights to complete station cleanup or truck maintenance; and,

Whereas, After 65 years of service to the Menno Fire Department, Clarence has decided the time has come to retire and allow the younger firefighters to take over the reins; and,

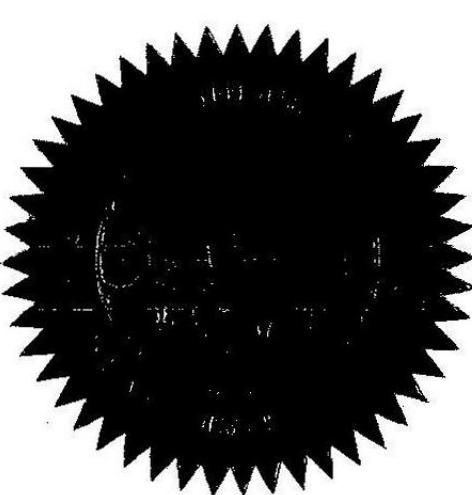
Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Clarence for his 65 years of dedicated and outstanding service to his community and the surrounding area:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 1, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his colleagues, family and friends in wishing him well and thanking him for sharing his time, talent, and dedication.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State